

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dermatology Foundation Announces Post-doctoral Research Fellowships for 1969-1970

Fellowships are available to properly qualified persons, holding either a M.D. or Ph.D. degree, who are considering careers in biological or medical research, preferably related to the skin and its diseases.

Fellowships are annual, subject to renewal consequent to good performance for a period not to exceed a total of three years.

The stipend is \$7,500. No payment of fringe benefits or sharing of overhead is contemplated. The fellowship may be supplemented by the recipient institution if it so desires.

Applications should include a complete Curriculum Vitae of the candidate and a resume of his proposed research plans and his qualifications for conducting such research. A supporting letter by the candidate's superior should accompany the application. Fellowships may begin January 1, 1969 or later. Applications must be received before October 15, 1968.

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Skin—Man's Passport to Society

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Man's skin is his passport to society. Over the centuries individuals with Hansen's disease (leprosy) have been ostracized. Adolescents with acne vulgaris and pockmarked victims of smallpox suffer untold mental anguish. On the other hand, sun-tanned skin is currently a status symbol.

Not only is man's skin his interface with society, but also, physiologically speaking, it is his interface with his physical environment. Because of the unique properties of his nearly hairless skin, it is possible for man, the only "naked ape," to live in an environment of dry air and of widely varying temperature.

Man's skin deserves and is receiving the attention of large numbers of clinicians and research scientists. The members of the Society for Investigative Dermatology and the American Dermatological Association are carrying on investigative work and are making major contributions to the basic understanding of normal skin and its disease processes. The Association of Professors of Dermatology and the American Academy of Dermatology recognize the importance of medical school education, resident training and continuing education in the preparation of physicians for the care of patients with skin diseases. Each clinical and investigative dermatologist recognizes the importance to man of his passport to society and assumes his responsibility in helping to maintain this passport at its peak value.

The recently established Dermatology Foundation also accepts its responsibility in helping man maintain a healthy skin by helping the specialty. The

Society for Investigative Dermatology, the American Dermatological Association and the American Academy of Dermatology each contributed seed money for the organization of the Foundation. Each of these organizations currently has its representative on the Foundation's Medical and Scientific Committee, which has the "responsibility for and control over the medical policies and medical standards for all phases of the Foundation's activities."

The Foundation is the one national organization which is now in a position actively to solicit funds for the support of dermatology. This it is doing, principally from industry, other foundations, and grateful patients. From these funds, grants are being made for education and research. In 1969, a post-doctoral fellowship program will be instituted. An announcement of this program appears in this issue of the Journal.

The Foundation solicits the support of all investigators who have an interest in the skin. Hopefully each dermatologist will become a member of the Foundation, which is serving as a unifying force throughout the specialty. Through your efforts in support of the goals of the Dermatology Foundation, it will succeed. The success of the Dermatology Foundation is your success.